

THE  
LEGEND  
OF  
BRITA-MART:

*Otherwise*

BRITAINES MARS;  
OR, A PARAPHRASE V P.  
on our Provisionall Mar-  
tiall DISCIPLINE.

Presented Dialogue-wise, be-  
twene *Publicola*, *Epimetheus*, and  
INFORTVNIO; the Scene GRAYES-  
INNE Walkes :

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TO  
THE RIGHT  
HONOURABLE, MY  
VERY GOOD LORD,

WILLIAM Earle of SALISBVRY,  
One of the Lords of his Majesties  
most honorable privy Councell,  
and Knight of the most Noble  
Order of the GARTER.

*Right Honourable,*



Whereas the manage-  
ment of a reall war,  
is now familiar-  
ly every mans  
Tract; the premi-  
ses unconsulted,  
and our provisionall musters and  
militia still left at large, without any  
Paraphrase: my neare and usuall  
privitie with them both thus im-

*The Epistle Dedicatory.*

posing; I have here propounded  
for such a temper, as may render  
each to be faire and flourishing.  
Neither can it bee presented with  
more propriety, than to the master-  
wheele; from whose course and in-  
fluence, my subordinate motion has  
succeeded. And may your Lordship  
deigne it a favourable regard; I dare  
be bold (how defective perhaps in  
severall particulars) it shall yet in-  
duce so much discourse, and con-  
templation; as by hammering out  
infallible rules, may requisitely  
mature both. Finally, your gracious  
acceptation, of so mean a peece, wil,  
beyond the many favours formerly  
collated, still lay a further obligati-  
on, upon

Your Lordships ever

bounden servant,

GEORGE TOOKE.



## To the Reader

**N**ot I give many thanks, if he please to take me fairely; neither are all the subsequents, intended so for principles and infallibles; but as in some of them I dare bee confident: There is yet another sort, only to provoke our serious Criticks pro and con, till the perfection may be rightly stated. Neither doe they trench alike upon all meridians; but respectively, with intensiō and remission, according to their different tempers. Neither has mine eare been busie with anothers boate, but in mine owne; as who indeed, though even a tongue-tyed (a) Atis, but must needs breake out, seeing his profession suffer under so many dangerous by-blowes. Or, if thy brow (notwithstanding any allegations) must still be bent upon me: yet the chance of warre, is like that of marriage; both uncertaine, unalterable, and withall of such importance; that I had rather suffer under the calumnie of double diligence, than the guilt of a tardy information.

(a) The son of Cræsus, and borne dumb but by violence of passion, straying into speech.

G. T.





**P**erlegi libellum hunc, cui pro Titulo est  
[The Legend of Brita-mart] in quo ni-  
hil reperio quò minus cum utilitate publica im-  
primatur.

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*Publicola.*



Ow dearly does the quicke and  
sweet ayre ingratiate this place,  
*Infortunio*; the Northerne winde  
being broken and mitigated by  
yonder loftie hills; and *Favonius*  
freely strewing it with incom-  
parable buds and aglets?

*Infortunio.* Why, thence succeeds his appella-  
tion, *nempe a fovendo*, of brooding & burnishing;  
and indeed this precinct of (*a*) *Purpoole* is one of  
his chiefe Master-pieces; having also the nature,  
the perpoliteneffe of it both demonstrated in the  
name, and iustified (as you say) in the remarke-  
able tincture, of these severall gemmes and pen-  
dants.

<sup>a</sup> The site of  
Graves Inne is  
originally  
thus named.

*Publicola.* I, I, though our city *Flora* be fa-  
miliarly sadden with a blacke cobweb-lawne of  
smoake and sea-coale; yet is she polish't here, and  
under a serener zenith; the faire complexion of  
this obvious Rose will instant it, and behold,  
this Tulip seemes also to be lined with so rich



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a latin, as imposes an extraordinary estimate.

*Epimeth.* But may then our serious *Publicola* be with this garden hypocrite, this gaudy piece of outside, thus affectionately transported?

*Infort.* Indee the noblest flowres have both *colorem*, *odorem*, and *saporem*; thus the promised rose, with also the violet and Iuli-flowre, minister each of them both to the smell, the sight, and the palate; yet while yeelding these for such superlatives, the tulip also cannot be denied his single share, his positive beauty.

*Publicol.* True, *Infortunio*, the detraction of others must not stagger our justice; besides, who can thinke that nature should prepare so delicate a lodging, without some proportionable incumbent?

*Epimeth.* O Sir, excuse mee, these supposes hold so little water, that till further information, I (for mine owne particular) shall rather side with a sage-leave, or a good pot-herbe.

*Publicol.* Let each one have his due, *Epimethem*, and then upon comparison and competition, who but will easily condescend, and preferre profit to pleasure; a bed of Consound and Milfoile, before a border of Daffadillis, or the sweetest strewing herbs.

*Epimeth.* And these, perhaps, are but pharisaicall boasters also, may they not be rendered by some other names more usuall amongst us?

*Publicol.* These, Sir, are such as will performe



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forme beyond their profession; pay more then they promise: the first (if I be not deceived) is also called Blind-nettle, All-heale, and then Wound-weort, by which name some Masters will especially celebrate it: the second is so denominated from the Latin, and his innumerable leaves, being vulgarly (a) Yarrow, or Nose-bleed, and the peculiar plant of *Mars*: these (I say) are no effeminate delices, but truly reall, the balme of wounds, the hope, the helpe of souldiers.

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as heale  
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*Epimetheus*. I conceive you, Sir, subscribing likewise to their efficacy, they may be good leaches for the trespassse of an axe, or a sythe; concerning their relation to the souldier, 'tis here but little and impertinent, his roome being indeed farre better then his company.

*Publicol*. Yet say (my downe-right friend) will you then stocke up the fence of our Lands, our lives; oppose the fast binde fast finde of our forefathers? Why, let mee tell you, that as the naturall body, so does the body politicke consist of different humours and complexions, learning, *Mars*, and Husbandrie, the chiefe; and these, when in their due poise and affectionately plighted, render it faire and flourishing: but if falling into partialities, if the scholler and souldier say to the Husbandman, wee have no neede of thee; or the Farmer, and Lawyer to the Souldier wee have no neede of thee; the house is divided

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within it selfe, and cannot long endure.

*Infort.* A grievous curse was it, when God in the fifth of *Esay*, threatened to breake downe the wall of his Vineyard; for what followes in conclusion, but it must be eaten up; *the Boare part of the wood shall waste it; the Foxes, even the little Foxes spoile it,* and who can with such propriety personate this wall as the Souldier; since he it is that animates our strongest pieces, which otherwise are but meerly dirt and lumber. Nay, that illustrious *Sparta* tooke him directly in this sense, to such as demanded for her walls: replying with a groffe of martiall bodies. And among our moderne critickes, *(a) Mendoza* (Spanish lieger here for *Philip* the second) was likewise of this opinion; so that considering the facility and open site of our present *England*; respecting her want of fastnesse, of fortification, what other refuge have wee save the Souldiers brest? and how fatally does it portend, when we shall so much decry him, cut him short; what if I say, cut him off? Is then ambition and the thirst of Empire now become extinct, or perhaps transplanted farre away to the *Antipodes*? are wee not daily surrounded with a further accessse of power, and more compact then formerly? to speake flat out, must we lie at the devotion of every hungry pretender, not reposing rather upon our owne abilities? whence, I say, succeeds this confidence? suppose I call it stupiditie.

*Epimeth.*



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**Epimeth.** Call it what you will, Sir; nay how-  
soever the coales be stirr'd, yet must I still persist,  
and the case is plaine, that *Ilanders* are diffe-  
rently regulated from the continent: Is not the  
sea our meate, nor to be filled up with (a) rijs or  
rubbish? and our *armado* such a wall as hither-  
to has bin invincible?

**Public.** Thus opinionated were the *Suiones*  
in *Tacitus*; the reason (b) *quia subitos hostium in-*  
*cursus prohibet oceanus*: yet is this position so  
feseable, that how has our owne Empresse of  
*Ilands* bin often harassed, even how often total-  
ly subverted? I derogate not the sea-man, let him  
be the first, and a very principall piece of our  
safety; but to hazard all upon this single string,  
must be justly subject to construction.

**Insfort.** All our enterprises, our overtures, are  
recommended as they become lesse accidentall:  
we say the foot-combatant (c) has much advan-  
tage upon the horseman, because his materialls  
are more compact, and every rider stands ingaged  
in the defects of his horse: againe the sword we  
manage (since more entire) is preferr'd be-  
fore the harquebule, an engin consisting of ma-  
ny subordinate pieces; of spring, stone, powder,  
touch hole, &c. each of which must either readi-  
ly take his cue, or frustrate execution. And is our  
totall confidence supplanted then to sea; where  
the ride, the wavering winde, and an innume-  
rable tackle, must either continually goe true, or  
else expose us for the wages of usurpation and

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b In his  
fol. 270

c Edm  
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hostility? must our maine rest be set up, I say, upon such uncertainties? or is it not rather expedient, when finding our wooden wall so tickle, that our yron one, our infantry be likewise persited, an imployment requiring the souldier?

*Epim.* Well Sir, but adde we then the rocks, the syrtes, the difficulties of our coast, for all these in confederacie, and seconding each other, will prove a cord so tough, so manifoldly twisted, that what invasion availeable to breake it? Nay, there are other allegations also, so pregnant and familiar, that your joyning issue generally with all, will prevent much circuite of speach, fixing mee likewise more attentive.

*Hay.* Concerning this perplexednesse of our  
*Ed.* frontire, as it has by (a) forreine circumspecti-  
on formerly beene unriddled; thus no doubt but  
the sixt, many hollow friends, have from our long peace  
return'd so much experience, that what devious  
or weyward English chancell, but they can readi-  
ly decipher; engaging thus our interieur, our ar-  
tificiall aids; disputing it with our forts and im-  
portunities of ordinance; so that how farre forth  
these may yet secure us, is now become the  
point: and upon mature deliberation, wee must  
conclude negatively. For whereas that hardie  
Monarch, King *Henry* the eight (having pro-  
voked almost all the Christian world) was very  
vigilant to perplexe his frontire, by scattering  
such bars and bolts among our openest accesles;  
yes

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yet in the nonage of his successor, the reason of state was otherwise, (a) and many of these rather accounted chargeable then necessary, were againe demolish'd; because there was no shower, neither needed there any cloake. A second sort; though not executed thus, by any publike proecess, is yet within compasse of (b) *Esayahs* curse, having beene left to nettles, and brambles; and so fatally neglected, that they lie still drawing (c) on, and we may justly feare the catastrophe: concerning such as reallie survive, being exempted from this indisposition, yet is it either possible naturally to be experient, or many an important piece, may often cry out with the *Shunamites* sonne, *My head, my head*. Thus did (d) *Calice* heretofore, the Lord *Wentworth* being Governor; and where the understanding is but subordinate to the will, where *Vlysses* must observe an ignorant *Polypheme*: againe, where command and knowledge are distracted into *meum* and *tuum*; where these two properties meet not *simul*, & *semel in eodem subiecto*, nor may suddenly determine in *ipso nunc*; it presupposes ill, and even invokes an enemy. To conclude, though allowing them all their proper Equipage, though like *Absalon* they may from the crowne of the head to the sole of the foot, be without any blemish; yet Sir *W. Raleigh* (whose assertion is *mille testes*) he I say will tell us, (e) that the Iland of *Tercera* thus accommodated even

a *Haywards*  
*Edward the*  
sixt, fol. 145.

b Chap. 34.

c *Scarborough*  
castle in *Qu*  
*Maries daies*  
the *Godwins*  
*Hereford*,  
fol. 325.

d *Haywards*  
*Edward the*  
sixt, fo. 162. ye  
*M. Camden* in  
his *Annals*  
clears him  
by his peeres  
condemning  
*Chamberlaine*  
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the castle.

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world, the first  
Booke of the  
first part fol.  
361, and 362.



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even in this exquisite trimme, was sciled by Saint a *Cruce*; as likewise *Faiell* (mauger an obvious parapet, with all the leade it could malevolently powre out) by himselfe; and Master *Edmunds* in our most elaborate tract, even among our cinque-ports will be yet so cautious (a) that an armie of twelve thousand, must here likewise divert the danger; Your selfe therefore being *arbiter*, whether does this inferre the necessity of our train d bands, with a proportion of veterans for their better disciplining?

*Epimeth.* And yet why so much confidence before an entire victory? before every rub removed and levell'd: for now the rejoinder is, that we have an active, an experient body in the *Netherlands*, which if redemanded, will be of great incussion, may successfully stand in the gap, and proably dispose of fortune, repulsing all hostilities.

*Infort.* But then againe, the wise virgins had not their oile to fetch when the Bride-grome came; then I say there must be transportation: and considering our moderne politickes, with their many subtile umbrages of state, are we sure of a true, an opportune intelligence? has not a wily *Ferdinand* pretended *France* (b) or (as others tell us) a warre against the *Moores*, and yet taken a contrary course, usurping upon *Navarre*? or if yeelding this, shall we beleieve that (as the Poets write of *Vlysses*) our *Netherlander* can also captivate the winde in a bagge, imploying it at

his obser-  
tions upon  
Sars Com-  
as. fol. 155.

Godwin's an-  
als, fol. 10.



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at pleasure? even at *Flushing*, their neereſt and moſt open port, does the ſhipping lye often bedrid, and long and vainly have I wooed the wind to be propitious; nay, we reade (a) that heretofore when King *Cannre*, and *Robert the Freife* had from *Denmarke* and *Flanders* ramaffed 1600. ſaile where-withall to invade us, they were thus oppoſed two yeeres together, a daſh to the deſigne; and as a moderne example, our relieving *Calice* a far ſhorter cut, was alſo thus diverted according to both, *Holinſhead* and *Godwin*, two ſufficient witneſſes.

a Daniels  
Chronicle  
fol. 34. & 35

*Public.* Thus *Epimethens* have you met with wedges for all your ſeverall knots, and now will *Infortunio* conclude, that ſince our other naturall and artificiall abilities are ſo feſable, of ſuch a punick troth; whether muſt we retreat for ſuccour, or what ſtone is yet to be turned over, ſave that of the ſelected bands, which will againe inferre the veterane? Theſe indeed are our *Triarij*, our laſt refuge; by this inſtitution is our manifold cord, of the ſea, the ſhoare, and the ſouldier, fully perſited.

*Epimeth.* Neither am I ſo rigid, *Publicola*, but to retract and be perſwaded, till I meeete with better information; only the neceſſity being thus dilated, let mee now receive the growth and antiquity thereof, with what our anceſtors might determine in this point; reaſon being then ſoonest underſtood, if well ſeconded by preſident.

*Public.* A very pertinent request, the fulfilling

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ling whereof must still bring you more about ;  
know therefore, that our train'd companies of  
foremarkeable importance, are likewise very  
venerable in their age, as bearing date even  
from our Saxon ancestors: For when King  
*Etheldred* had beene miserably haraſſed by the  
*Dane*; nor found otherwise to vindicate his  
ſoveraignty, then by ſome new untroden path;  
the courſe he pitch'd upon, was that of Land-  
rates, and to charge every Knights fee, (a) eve-  
ry eight hides of land throughout the King-  
dome with a corſelet; wee may likewise pre-  
ſuppoſe both men and diſcipline proportion-  
able, the complexion of ſuch a time will beare  
it; but how long this was continued, and with  
what appropriate officers, I determine not:  
if being the Prototype, the firſt modell, it  
might be likewise rough-hewen and momen-  
tanie; yet in proceſſe of time, our illuſtrious  
King *Henry* the ſecond, (b) found ſo directly  
to ſettle it, that the like practice was ſoone after  
obtruded, both upon *France* and *Flanders*; nay,  
King *Edward* the firſt (c) (one of our beſt Law-  
givers) proceeded yet more roundly, aſſeſſing it  
by oath, and upon inferiour values; as alſo colla-  
ting experient officers, (d) annually to proſecute  
the execution. I might imbroyle your memo-  
ry with infinite other, both old and later inſtitu-  
tions to this purpoſe, but to conclude in a word,  
this great action of ſtate has deſcended up-  
on us, deeply conſulted, oftentimes revil'd,  
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and through a succession of many severall ages.

*Epim.* Whence, *Publicola*, I now become jealous of an engine so remarkable, lest by some negligence, or mis-construction, it may be rebated from the due efficacie : and should occasion require, what thinke you ? is it indeed upright, and currant in all the severall particulars ?

*Public.* This you must rather demand of some such party, as punctually has beene skill'd in the practice of it ; tis your province, *Infortunio*, you no doubt may cleare it with sufficient assurance.

*Infor.* An experience of above two prentiships might indeed the rather ingage me for this discovery ; neither will I be mealy-mouth'd, but ingenuously confesse, that though when taken far off, and in the generall bullion, we finde it a very stupendious structure ; yet upon dissection, & the particulars being thoroughly weighed, it replies not in allay. But I must shew punctuality, as what will both trespasse time and your patience.

*Public.* Nay, *Infortunio*, this daintinesse but makes us more importunate ; proceed, proceed, you need not feare our thankfulness.

*Infort.* Good Sir be satisfied, 'tis a taske not to be undertaken without much premeditation ; & according to that old embleme, who rashly enters the great end of the horne, may be squeas'd at the tip, issuing there againe but a poore snake, and with much difficulty.

*Public.* Tush man, away with this distrustfulness, neither can so much experience be at any  
time

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time to seeke; proceede, proceede I say, in fash  
English wee must have no deniall.

*Infort.* How, so resolute, not to be deflected  
well then, if my discourse shall tediously extend  
it selfe, yet is it yours, not my owne deed: and  
now to beginne with convenient order, we may  
generally distinguish our train'd bands into  
Horse and Foote; your Mounseur repeses much  
upon the first, yet is it a brandling, a more casual  
body, while infantry must be yeelded for the  
nave (a) the strength of an armie: beside, our  
English foote have ever beene especially cele-  
brated, and since our Princes use also within  
this covert to waite the chance of warre, I must  
begin with these, preferring the Kings guard; and  
considering them by severall circumstances, ey-  
ther requisite in the particular persons, or the  
generall purse: in the persons (whether officers  
or their souldiers) an account must be taken, of  
quality, residence, number and discipline. Con-  
cerning matters of purse, they may be conclu-  
ded into ammunition, and sold or payment; the  
first of these being so named, *à digniore, quasi*  
*munitio praelara, or nutritoria*, and among other  
kinde, of martiall equipage, taken also for armes  
and powder, two serious properties, to be sur-  
veyed with much intention; and after our in-  
fantery thus detected in these particulars, I must  
likewise implead our cavallary, for a bird of the  
same faulty feather. And thus have you tasted the  
briefe analysis, of what I should discourse: the  
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a Vide the  
lord Verulam  
Henry the 7.  
fol. 74.



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perplexednesse whereof being considered, with how much it must encroach upon the time, me thinkes I might well be spared from any further enlarging my selfe.

*Public.* Nay, nay, your dutie to the publike weale; or I can narrow this againe, with that to your particular imployment; both these, I say, must impose it unavoidably, I pray proceed.

*Infort.* Concerning then the circumstance of persons, our officers are first to be singled out, and accounted with (as is premised) touching their quality, residence, number and discipline; and being now to speak of quality, me thinks I heare the *Mammonist*, defining it presently by land-rates, the hotspur gallant meere by store of fire and audacity; for as where nature is redundant, and in her spring-tides, there ensues a kinde of wilde irregular heat, which yet hee will intitle to place and government; so has the divell lately soyled in, a serious kind of fury, insomuch that your methodicall duellist, by committing a single combat, does often overtop the meritorious veterane. But these expositions are both beside the marke, and he that having an able stocke of reputation, and experience, can also regulate his heat by piety; such a man will neither vitiare our companies in peace, nor forsake himselfe and a good cause in warre: such an officer may presume, I say, both of obedience and a blessing; when one inferior, how pursie, how precipitate soever, will yet be dallied with and neglected. Or if any one  
be

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may pronounce my bolt as wide as quickly shot, I will be yet more confident, and as our Commanders in chiefe are very cautiously selected, were further respect had also to the quality of their Lieutenants and Ensignes; our militia would become more serious; be put forward with more affection, more incussion; & where I must be just to some presently in *esse*, and asseverate their knowledge, their ability; they would then indeede all be valuable, even all of them be figures.

*Public.* That our Officers not parsimoniously endow'd, were rather quadrate in their severall requisites, would indeed promise very largely; but wee must consider where the scene is laid, preferring such as a long and settled peace can administer; howsoever, the caution is wel put in, and worth our welcome, as urging an accurate choice, and that we still be hitching neerer to perfection; but now for your second particle.

*Insort.* Namely that of *non-residents*, and let others judge the happinesse: when every country, every countie, may rely upon her owne materialls: well was it for *England*, that beginning to reforme the Church, shee jointly travell'd of another issue; being likewise delivered of her first borne yron ordinance (a) a counter-battery to the Romish Canon: and the print of good Queene *Elizabeth*, may be justly listed with a glorious trophy-worke of artillery, since she it was, who by (b) discovering the *Keswike* mines,

a Vide Henry  
the eight, in  
Hollinshead,  
Anno reg. 35.  
b In Bishop  
Carletons  
tract fol. 2.



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mines, and calamint stone, first reformed it into  
brasse. Nay, in her time also our powder (be-  
fore transported out of Germany) was now  
wrought at home, the fire engine being fully  
perfited: 'Tis of maine consequence, I say, that  
every country, every county, have her instru-  
ments, her Officers so within distance, that  
like the good Centurion, shee may readily say,  
to this, *Goe, and hee goeth*; to that, *Come, and  
hee commeth*; it argues more successe, readier  
assurance; when who repotes upon forraigne  
aides, may with enough propinquity be re-  
sembled to such a flattering Smith, as loses his  
heate while hee seekes his hammer. In a word,  
since further fetch'd, can neither be had as  
cheape, nor found as usefull; give me leave  
to preferre our innate, our directest residents.

*Public.* And good leave have you Sir, this  
error being both familiar, and then as palpable;  
but since wee have wherewithall to mend it,  
you may, perhaps, finde, it has beene of igno-  
rance, not of will. For the tract of num-  
ber now successively to be dealt upon, me-  
thinkes, it should be without exception; and  
since wee rather are deficient in our Disci-  
pline, come wee next to this fourth par-  
ticle, where directly you must enlarge your  
selfe.

*Infortunio.* Yet soft and faire, my noble  
Patriot, for even concerning number also,  
I finde not that *Enrithmia*, that agreement of  
parts,

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According  
Polybius, a  
maniple con-  
sisted of 120.  
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was 60. three  
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parts, which an exquisite infantry may require: our select bands are, I say, of very ponderous irregular bulke, rather cohorts then (a) maniples; their officers likewise incompetent; each body being indeed a Polypheme, the foule to it but a disproportionable pigmie; and what other sequel, but as tumultuary, slow, and indigent performance: where if they may be digested lesse, and animated with requisite officers, each having three or foure sergeants; their being more compactly situate, will argue quicker motion, execution; their proportionable scantling readier, disquisition, information; and which is a maine piece, they will engage more dependants of quality for the service.

*Public.* Now is the filme supplanted from me, and I perceiue this likewise to be very considerable; but the notorious neglect of discipline does so much extenuate our other peccancies, that impute it not, though a preposterous zeale has somewhat transported me in this point; and now proceed good *Infortunio*, 'tis now the next, according to your owne former resolution.

*Infort.* Lastly therefore, dost thou glory in thy plume, thy (b) parresan, in the displaying thy colours, in the superfiice, the shell of command? yet be sure to legitimate thy selfe with skill and knowledge: for how darest thou so roundly surrogate a mute for a vowell, a blancke for a prize? I could justly here enlarge my selfe, as against a fault unavoidably hindering the success

The weapon  
distinguishing  
the Lieutenants  
from pertuise;  
manes, which  
signifies to  
re.



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cesses of our *militia*, but the future prevention enforces me rather to propound an Antidote, a Sovereigne mixture both of open shame, and as publike reputation; two pathetical motives, and importunate with any generous spirit: for by reducing our obsolet troupes into Centuries, with also some accessse of officers, (before touch'd upon) what Countie so penurious, but even of these alone, will have a body competent enough for exercise? which being annually convented, two or three dayes, will even laugh and sing at the happy successe, as not expent in fruitlesse? (a) *Li-* (a) Properly *macons* and Pyrrhicke dances; but so methodically husbanded to the best advantage, that from their twirling shels, used metaphorically in French for winding and casting into rings. each Lievtenant, Ensigne, every officer shall afterwards give a good account of his sufficiency. Neither is it strange, if the mannage of this affaire be committed to his trust, whom improperly we stile the Muster-master; since indeed a threefold respect, of his experience (as having beene qualified in service) his place, (as of generall privity with the whole shire) and an injunction of disciplining from above, will thus impose it.

*Epimeth.* Your proposition must needes be commendable, as striking infallibly the right string; and all necessary knowledge may thus descend from units to infinitis; nay your *primus motor* has also beene sufficiently pleaded; only since you quarrell his denomination, let mee  
intreat

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intreat that insisting somewhat further, you more precisely yet exhibit him.

*Insore.* Very willingly Sir, and thus howsoever this Officer has lately been of so perplexed an estimate and interpretation, he shall at least be vindicated, perhaps ingratiated againe. Some Criticks therefore will derive his obstreperous name from the Belgicke verbe *monstereu*, some from *muisteren* of the Flemings, or confine it else to muster-heere *Teutonickly*; neither indeed doe these Erymons import further than sincerely to list an armie, not passing save warrantable Levies and furniture; nay they will tell us of the Hollands Commissary, and though his name be large and specious, that yet he is restrain'd to the view of Armes and bodies; but then againe, is not this in respect of her familiar universall experience? Vpon different circumstances there ensues another proportion, and every able Patriot, having first accounted with the place, the time, and other particulars, will preferre such a temper, as may fittest comply with his designe; inso much that our British Muster-master must succeed rather from the Latine *monstrare*, which signifies as well to teach as to view; I, we finde him here in England responsible both for discipline, and ammunition; the Character rather of a Sergeant-major: and who I say so fit for these peeces, as one qualified in a reall warre, and  
able



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able to bestead himselfe with the mysteries of his profession? Adding therefore probity of life, and (as some will argue) clarity of birth, (for the (a) Cadets of shires (say they) are fullest of support and countenance) pardon mee, if I boldly call this that Delphicke sword, which may accommodate all our severall necessities; that Sunne which brightly will enlighten the sphere, the circle of his militia, addressing such influence, for to particular officers, that from thence it shall descend upon our File leaders; and as navigable streames are by subordinate rivers derived even to petty brookes and rilllets, these againe shall dilate it generally, even to the meanest Centinel. I dare freely call it a preposterous course, a haste making waste, which some of the Hollands Sergeants have so lately transported: and to reach by tanks and rings, is but to stubber up. The *termini* of *à quo* and *ad quem* can never observe each other mutually; when by this methodicall, this successive instillation, their industry shall meete single and undistracted.

*Epimeth.* I know not Sir how the Generall may relish this, but so far has it won upon my particular, that with a necessity of discipline, I must also yeeld this officer to be manifoldly qualified.

*Public.* I, of severall capacities, *Epimethes*, that as occasion requires he may redresse

(a) Young  
brothers of  
ancient ge-  
nlemen.

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and fill up all defects and vacancies, which being thus inserted by the way, proceed we now againe with our propounded method.

*Infort.* And this is to be doing with our Legionaries, our other Souldiers; concerning therefore the Bulke, the proportion of their companies, enough has beene sayd already; their residence must likewise bee infallible, with that of officers. But then for the quality of these, 'tis sometime so neglected, that here I must insist a while, as an introduction not improper; beginning first with our forraigne Levies, which are oftentimes so disastrous, that the most sappie crooked preece, will yet make a sufficient souldier; I, in mine owne experience, our imprests have beene guiltie of some, which like cony-skins out of season, have been halfe & quarters ones, might be put two or three to a man; nay we likewise imploy as preposterous mindes, as hands: which unhappinesse has made *Philopolites* disgust himselfe after this manner.

How are we thus securely blinded? how  
Befals it often, that the Campe does now  
So robbe the Gemones? that jayles diffuse  
Our *Mars* so much, with many a blacke (a) recrui,  
Disastring him? why then are these the men  
Will vindicate our Isle, and reare againe  
Her mighty Crest? or he that could provide  
His Israelites their paddle-staffes, to hide  
Each purgament; shall such a jealous Lord  
Walke in the Campe with these? no, no, reward

Them

) The martial  
terme for  
supply, or  
ling up, frō  
*creuē fran-*  
*is.*  
eur. 23. 13.



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Them with your rods, your racks, or trusse them up  
Like vermin for deterrment; 'tis a Troupe  
Of other hearts and hands, may presuppose  
Successfullnesse, anew regreening these  
Our lately yellow Bayes ———

And indeed the glorious stocke of our re-  
putation, is by this neglecting publike for  
private ends, so much decayed and wasted,  
that even a violent necessity has put me upon  
this string: nor let any one calumniate what  
has been sayd, as if I meant like another *Marci-*  
*mus*, (a) by transporting our chiefe strength  
to disfurnish Britaine, leaving it incompe-  
tently guarded: no, no, my Plea opposes (b)  
*Marcus*, *Minutius*, *Gusman*; levels onely at  
our doe-littles, rogues, stigmaticks, and the  
like: as for others (c) *Proletarius* will passe  
muster, for all his poverty; nay that (d) Cu-  
shin-crusher by some nicer palats how dista-  
sted, is fit enough for service; and in especi-  
all our (e) *Taupin*, if conveniently he may be  
spared, is so beyond compare, that the chiefe  
of these, the best owners will be maine Tim-  
ber in the ponderous frame of our train'd  
Bands; our wealthiest Husbandmen are (I  
say) most suitable for this mayne employment,  
to repose it upon servants and mechanicks  
were disproportionable; and alas they flit up  
and downe, like empty clouds are of inferior  
spirit and ability, and but uncertaine comfor-  
ters; whereas, if well weighing this hardy  
kind

*a Daniels chr*  
*fol. 5.*

(b) Such a co  
ward as will  
cut off his

thumb to pre  
vent his ser-  
vice, *Marcel*

(c) The Ro-  
mans enroul  
him nor, only

holding him  
fit for procre-  
ation.

(d) *Sedentarius*  
or *Sellularius*,  
an Artificer

that workes  
sitting.

(e) A Souldier  
made of a  
Husbandman,

and so nam'd  
of his mole-  
like furrowing  
up the earth.

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kind of Yeoman, (besides a toughnesse of temper extraordinary) his commendable ranke argues more discourse, a deeper touch of reputation; his constant residence inculcation of discipline, and then an inheritable revenue both prohibits him from giving ground, enables him against many casuall asperities, and presupposes better trim, more commendable furniture.

*Public.* Concerning this milde people, betweene Cottagers and gentlemen, my Lord of S. *Alban* (a) has formerly so delivered their institution, multitude, and military abilities, that the case is plaine enough; and their furniture being equivalent, they may ranke with the best Legionaries in Europe; what thinke you therefore of this circumstance? I pray be free with us.

*Isfort.* This is very opportunely moved, engaging me for the next particle, our ammunition; which comprises (as has been specified) the generall Equipage of a Magazin: so that now our Armes shall have an orderly discussion; or I may call them else our Jewels, for thus in *Isaiah* his Prophecie (b) is the same word rendred in both senses, which (by the way) may schoole us to their higher estimate; our armes or rather jewels are now, I say, to possesse the stage: and I must consider them according to that old dispartition of offensive and defensive: arrainging some of these in respect

(a) In his King  
Henry the 10.  
enth, fol. 74.

(b) Cap. 39.2.



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spect of their weaknesse; others again of their weight. To beginne with armes defensive, I must here commence my Plea against (a) *Huf-knir*, (b) *Almayne Rivett*, both evidently guilty; and yet a third sort as blacke in colour, as coure and crasie in their constitution: for where our corselet may bee distinguished respectively, as it participates either of the hammer, the grindstone, or the file; these (as of the lowest forme) are meerely beaten, dangerous *omen*; and may be compact of any spalliest yron, all flawes and blemishes being dawbed over with an hypocriticall varnish: wherefore *caveat emptor*, they are neither for use, nor ornament; my voyce, I say, is onely for russet armes, a degree higher; and neither despicable, sumptuous, nor impotent; neither too nice of constitution, nor over-rigid; as testifying with the hammer, the grindstone also: (c) nay somewhat likewise of the file; and more proportionable to the safety, the celsitude, of our illustrious Britaine.

*Public.* I can observe how ready you have been to interrupt him, *Epimetheus*; the matter of charge without a very pregnant inference is somewhat hard to be understood: but having probably quit himself, I now distrust not your reconciliation; tush man, so triviall is this expence in respect of what it retributes, that wee shall but loose a worme to catch a fish.

(a) A copper head peece with an acorn or such like upon it.

(b) An armour allowing in the breast and faces, some few rivited ioynts for the wearers ease.

(c) Those of 24<sup>th</sup> participate the rough-file onely, those of 18. the bastard file also.

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*Epimeth.* But this inconstancie, these often alterations are generally clamor'd, *Infortunio*; and will runne you still into further hazard: be well advis'd therefore, and rather than so palpably to broach this profusion, these novelties; carrie a lighter hand, and reape the minds of men for your reward.

*Infort.* Of earth-wormes rather; neither will I buy repentance at so deere a rate, as the neglect of my Country and my conscience. Is then our changing for the better become so great a crime? 'tis true, that an inferior cottage may perhaps be huddled up in haste; but tell me, shall we thinke the like of Rome? Is indeed our iron wall the worke of a day or two? why, even the most important peeces are at first rough-hewen, and but *ursa partus*; nor to be perfected, but with much expence, experience, and often licking. To demonstrate which, and first in our Artillery, (as being also within the last of this objection) thus the violence of Saltpeter and brimstone once discovered, and (upon some further discourse) a body being also found for this soule to worke in; yet was all but *dolium ignivomum*, and rude enough, taken whether in the name of it, or the nature, nay, when after better polish'd, and come to be *canna*, a cane, (whence our appellatives of gun and cannon) even then also was our powder susceptible of a third ingredient, namely, the (a) coale; neither did invention

(a) And this to maintaine and dilate what fire the brimstone gives.



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vention shut up her shop here, but afterwards the due proportion of these became another *quare*: and still upon severall internals, was it improved; one while with that busie stickler the harquebuse, which (as *La Noe* has it) was father likewise to the Pistoll: another while with the (a) kerning of our powder formerly made up in meale; then againe with the musket, so highly boasting of his great incussion; and sundry other specialties might be likewise interwoven. Now since the perfection has not descended but in these cancellaires, in a varietie of new editions & improvements; must (I say) our changing still for the better bee so much detracted? and thy eye become wicked, because mine has beene good and single? To rip up antiquity a little further, and returne my hammer upon the nayle it selfe; thus also (b) the Haubert, and that *quondam* (c) *lorica squammata*, how loudly boasting their innumerable Peers and palladines, have beene long since reformed to the German rivet; this also becoming refuse and old yron, our moderne corselet is now the sole true-penny, *quia corpus celat*, because it covers and defends the body with entire plate. Neither is the corselet so farre from all exception, but still (upon further inquirie) we finde that when being w hite, it dyes with cockering, is quickly burnish'd out; againe, if black, is likewise as base, and withall unsearchable. Whence wee may

(a) Both in respect of strength, for *vis unita fortior*; of dispatch, for when meale is fals individually in plump cloying the pipe of any flaske, and oinist, as now rolling down the peece more entirely and with lesse interception.

(b) A coat-sleeves and gorget of mayle, *Lorica bamata*.

(c) An ancient armour of many ioyns and scales, *Goliath* in the painted cloth is thus armed: perhaps our *quondam* Bri-gandine: in French *pour-pains d'escaille*

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conclude (as was sayd before) that perfection is not chopp'd into suddenly, comes not at the souce, or the leape like a bird, or a beast of prey; **Mar. 4. 28.** but after our Saviours owne rule, of first (a) the blade, then the eare, then the ripe corne; **Pro. 4. 18.** or like the (b) light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

**Public.** 'Tis yours enough *Infertunio*, and though *Epimeithens* have perhaps been somewhat busie; yet since it does so much advantage, giving the better marke to your experience, I hope no matter of offence shall heere be harp'd upon, save only our offensive armes; and according to former order, these being next to passe muster, I pray proceed in it, affording us your further information.

**Infert.** Why then, for such offensives as trespassse likewise in this weaknes, the musket, such a masterfull Engine, as even cuts before the point, at whose presence both sling, dart, and bow are antiquated; nay, the very Harquebuse saine likewise to quit the field: this Engine paramount, and withall so fatall, that when disable for execution aloofe and forraigne, it breakes into a civill carnage at hand, is yet so palpably full of this imputation, that where none of these should passe without a sufficient prooffe-marke to warrantie: we now familiarly goe lesse, preferring *Ione* equally with our Lady, the Black-smiths marke and a miscellanie of many other, indifferently with



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with the Kings. Heere should I therefore move for some such general distinction, (whether by way of Character upon the chamber (a) of the peece or otherwise) as may suddenly divert all diffidence, warranting at a curlo-rie glance, (the scantie limit of a muster-master) what otherwise must be taken up upon trust; and being thoroughly put to it, may become either a fast friend, or a false. Neither will it bee impertinent, that here I likewise motion the due extent & measure of this trial: we preferre our owne barrells to those of the Netherlands, even (b) those of yron, harder than yron; and our prooffe should consequently be higher; a circumstance which I feare we rather trespassse in: nay, what if it prove inferior, of a more scanty constitution?

(a) This extends from the breech a foot or somewhat more to the moulures which is a ring of little welts, and channels surrounding the barrell.

(b) The bread of Linburge is laid to be better thā bread, the fire hotter than fire, and yron harder than yron.

*Public.* If this be manifest, and found to hold water, it concernes us very much; but here mee thinkes the powder-pactor nestling towards you, replies with Tush Sir, not your flegmaticke quantities, but the peter well refin'd, and as respectively imbodied; the matter of quality must chiefly governe us: and herein have we joyn'd issue with the Hollander long since; a verdict passing for us, and avouching no worke to (c) Southwarke; not by matter of Bulke, but the huffe, the height; by that of efficacie must it rather be decided, and then

(c) Here at the Bell, is the gun-powder house,

*Infort.* Yet softly Swift, for notwithstanding

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(a) The marke  
distinguishing  
his best pow-  
der, and im-  
printed on  
the top-most  
hoope of the  
barrell.

ing any ceremonious paction, and those famili-  
ar vaunts of five, or perhaps six one and one,  
even his owne peeces are subject also with in-  
tention to remission; his owne powder a-  
vailes not habitually to prescribe in the three  
crownes, (a) but is often found of an inferior  
allay: which variety being also yeelded to the  
Netherlander; what if the comparison have  
beene unequally made betweene our hawke  
and his buzzard? nay sir, notwithstanding ma-  
ny specious pretences, yet has his imployment  
been very full of construction; nor may better  
be displayed, than by a fountaine or conduit-  
head, distributing it selfe into the pipe, and  
the wast: at the pipe first the King, afterwards  
has the Country been to be served, each at set  
indifferent rates; which being fully perform'd,  
both the waste and valuation of it, have (as it  
seemes) been his owne freely to dispose of:  
and that the merchant, the chandeler, and o-  
thers, should not retaile it for nothing, has  
been made sure enough, especially *Mars* be-  
ing predominant; for then with obstreperous  
notes, of the tower and navie, has he presently  
plug'd up all other issues, the country chiefe-  
ly being disclaimed with such obstinacie, that  
either the pipe must bee very needy, like the  
unjust steward paying but fifties for hundreds;  
whence the *quere* will be, whether more pas-  
sages to the wood may give better satisfacti-  
on; or else the packe very busie, kicking  
downe



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downe that milke by conveyance, with which hee ought to nourish it by contract. And then againe, if these obstructions rather prove artificiall, and either imposed to whet on opportunity, and skrew his waste up to the higher racke or (lest this by-way may become observable *sapè serendo*) to feed some hidden issue in the City, where it may thus advantage, under a pretence of forraigne peter? if I say it should rather prove some matter of umbrage and artifice, my conclusion must be of necessity, that a Rome of but one necke, ought to be guarded with all severity; nor onely from Nero's sword, but the squinzie likewise of Demosthenes.

*Public.* 'Tis somewhat that you say *Infortunio*, and I my selfe have also knowne, when a country-officer has danc'd so much attendance, of many journeies, with alwayes a *nihil* upon his request; that necessity has driven to the Chandelers at *vi. vs. per centum*: so that there may be some pad indeed in the straw, requiring a further scrutiny. But leaving this to graver eyes, as also the circumstance of weakness and levity, come we now to that other extreame of weight and burthen.

*Infort.* Sir, you shall freely dispose of mee; onely as a corollary to this point, whereas the country-store must alwayes certainly be ready, yet with little and uncertaine vent, which presages much expence; why might it not every

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every fourth or fifth yeere become utterable at his waste, the pipe repaying us againe with an equall proportion in exchange; the commodity being carefully stowed, will long continue good and staple, be returned him of sufficient efficacie, even with the prooffe-masters reassurance; and our severall Magazines thus successively re-inforced, become pollicke and perpetuall bodies without any deceasing: or howsoever this suggestion may perhaps be slighted, somewhat would me thinkes bee done to this purpose; and now according to your desire, proceed we with a second sort of armes, as prejudiciall likewise in their excesse, and ponder, as the former in deficiency; and even our Bourganet of such a lottie combe (I had almost sayd the Burthenet) is often still obtruded like tares among the wheat: the reason of war formerly communicating these, was to prevent the halberd, a weapon Teutonically derived of helme, *nempe cassida*; and bard, which is *dolabra*; whence it came to be *cassidolabrum*, of hewing and cleaving the helme: nay, as *Killiam* further affirms, it has in times of yore beene flatly denominated Helme-axe; but our pike having depretiated these, and rebated their ancient violence, we now preferre the (4) *Morian*, in weight more temperate; yet of combe enough to frustrate the sword. In the next place, must I contest a kinde of Tassets lately broken over proportion, and having for it the specious

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(b) The inner rimm of the bellie, inclosing the entrails.

(c) Captaine Bingham's Tactics, fol. 22.

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not in respect of his competent safety ; and the rather failes not, because of his active expedition. But wee have yet greater bugs to deale withall ; for so uneven and gowty likewise is the web of our English musket, that as sometime wee may justly suspect it for weakely timber'd : (a defect already resented) 'Tis oftentimes againe as oppressive and immanageable ; instead of 14<sup>l</sup>. weight, or thereabout, amounting often to 16 : nay sometime to 18<sup>l</sup>. weight and upwards Now, if such pills as these and the former, may perhaps with gayety enough be swallowed, during a city shew, or a countrey musters ; yet when the strength of horses will in a race at hand complaine so much of giving weight ; what shall wee thinke of a farre inferiour abilitie, being to beate it out upon the hoofe, perhaps for many daies together ; each of them still further ladding and settling it ; and as the string of a stone-bow comes stiffest neare the nut, the last proving alwayes the worst ?

*Epimeth.* Why, that it runs a most apparent hazard, either foundring beneath the burthen ; or so rejecting it, that the worke must bee done without the toolcs.

*Public.* And then againe, what other consequence, save a prosperous enemy ; and to receive law where we should impose it : but this premonition will, I hope, worke with us effectually ; and still may you deserve better, as  
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your detection shall further extend it selfe.

*Infort.* I might still indeed be doing with other peccancies; our pike does often over-swell his true Diameter; often may the sword be called a fit-fast, being familiarly shackled in his owne inordinate length: and as some slubbering farmer may loose a lambe for a little tar; often also do we hazzard great advantages by the want of little peeces, even of wormes, scowrers, priming-pins, and the like; but so far better is it rather to mend a gap, than finde it, that my next endeavour shall be to propound some antidote preventing these enormities, and were there but a schedule of all our severall requisits, prescribing their weight, extension and quality, with immediate painings upon each transgression; perhaps this exterior part of our *militia*, might the sooner be perfited; nay, let me not speake of the shell alone, since these penalties might even availe the very soule thereof, and comfort up the lame, defective peeces, which have so long so much disfigured it. For whereas they speake indeed obstreperously big *ad terrorem*, but yet are calme enough in practice, esteeming up but now and then some little quill-lets: & again are hitherto enacted very sparingly, with sundry misdemeanors stil at large; were they put more generally home, upon the faile likewise of full armes; upon armes foule and borrowed, armes privately transplanted against the muster-roule, defects unrepaired, late appearance, disobedience to officers, subordination, & others:

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thers: were, I say, every further offence as yet elcaping with indemnity, prosecuted with a proportionable penalty; and these (a familiar respect given to information) either dimidiated, or so parcelly derived upon our *militia*, that the souldier himselfe might partake of the sweet also with the sowre; as of correction, likewise of incouragement: how would such petty casualties avayle that unexperienc'd body of our musketeers? how I say, might our milice be hence assisted so with prizes, and a sutable proportion of powder; that our trained companies be no longer so named ironically, or *per Antiphrasin*, nor our severall holy-dayes dispent emptily in commessations and good-fellowship; but after an humble celebration of divine duties, in those of military discipline.

*Epimeth.* Yet take heed Souldier, you may here perhaps goe too neare the wind, and rather must these paynings keepe infallible the higher way of estreat so lately mentioned: nay, so dangerous is this diversion, that lo it overcasts and chickens already, boding some unkindly weather.

*Infort.* No such object Sir I warrant you, but rather are your eies to blame in their going false; can it then suffer under construction, if I deale faithfully, in what I have so thoroughly beene vers'd? Again, these amerciaments (as has bin glaunc'd at) trend not alwayes and irrefragably the same course, being oft imparted likewise to the plaintiffe; sometime entirely given the patient,



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cient, as wee finde it upon detaining payment, coat, and conduct money; and are indeed respectively collated, as they may highest raise the soveraigne profit.

*Public.* Whence, *Infortunio*, wee directly must inferre a prosperous interpretation; beare up therefore cheereely, and still informe us further of your military mysteries.

*Infert.* After our armes once regulated, the next care will be thy preservation, *Nec minor est virtus quam querere*. Some therefore will to this end argue very strongly, that they should bee made all common; others againe incline to have them generally private; and a third fort will hault betweene these two opinions, rather preferring the moderne hotchpotch of both. There be some, I say, that will exprobrate our common furniture, as *nullius in familia*; even so much neglected between Constable Carelesse with his successor, and the souldier; that an yron corselet is yet no robe of durance: whereas, if all be made private, both the souldier and finder, the propriety and tutelage meet familiarly in *eodem subjecto*, which presupposes better husbandry; nay, by making all our armes common, there must likewise ensue many particular magazins, which will imply mutiny and rebellion, since by surprising the e, every hagarde *Cateline*, or scurvy *Kiss* may lay the foundation of his campe: but now let the tother care be turn'd, and then in answer to the premises, what though some of inferiour quality, though Trey perhaps be commonly both

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(a) 2 Sam. 17.  
12, 13.

souldier and finder; yet does this faile as often in *quater*, and were great incongruity to demand of *six-cinq*, so that the exceptions are more generall than the rule. Againe, though rebellion may perhaps surprise an unite, a petty magazin or two; yet how may these contend with infinits, with such an universality, as (according to that of (a) *David's Husbai*) shall light upon them; if in *campania*, as the dew falleth upon the grasse, if retreated into any city, shall even with ropes draw it into the river; nay, these siders with community proceed yet further, inditing the rule of private armes, for so tender and indulgent; that one of these may sometime be distracted among three, or perhaps foure severall finders: and how so many wheelles may readily keepe touch, and continually hit it, will be the busines. For example, *Ligurio* charg'd with a corselet for his manor of Meltapace, being compell'd by diffusion and improvidence, sells it (that he may raise the greater sum) to the severall tennants, as it lyes divided, and in quilllets: this they say is now by the common course of Land-rates to be required at many mens hands; and then, a disjoyated strength must needs be full of hazard and uncertainty. Now, if being jealous of any innovation, we rather fix upon the present miscellanie, still preferring a cast contraries, and our common armes, as more ready to sway the suddaine; those privately dispeirced, as their unseifeable seconds, and richer of allay: yet againe, (which is a further grievance) the same par-



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party does oft become both *Angarius*, in respect of personall service; (b) *Parangarius*, as performing it with his owne armes; and then againe, *Ter-angarius*, by being charg'd also with those that are comon; a passage which some men doe very much hūch at, that every horse should have his load is proportionable; nay, they are contented (if occasion so require) to beare double; but this treble charge goes somewhat against the haire: yet will that old proverbe of many hands make light worke; conclude it to be rather one in estimation, than in weight.

*Epimeth.* For all that, Sir, if to find a single armes be so large a stitch with many men; surely, the least addition will make enough, before become the heavier.

*Publ.* And we hope the prompting these heads thus into discourse, may produce a milder, a more acceptable temper.

*Infer.* Well, well, if this be reckon'd so harsh a note, and of the sharpest; yet must I now come to straine a little higher, being also to mediat for sold or payment; such a maine and master-sinew as has of late bin shrewdly sprung, and to foment and comfort it againe, will be richly worth our labour: since therefore, who so keeps the (c) stuffe must also with (d) *Batalaurins* divide the spoile; that our train'd souldiers, which in their reputation are the locks upon our severall doores; that these so treading out the corne, should yet be muzzled; nay still more importunately, that many poore substitutes, having at home several

(a) A carrier or conveyer of military furniture.

(b) One that imploies both person and goods in the Princes service.

(c) 1 Sam. 30. 24, and 25.

(d) Such a soldier as has beene in fight with his enemy, so playing his scholars prize, aliter Baccalaurius, as describing the bar-bayes.

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barking-bellies to satissie, should yet return with a *nihil* upon their expence, must needes be contrary both to charity and justice; neither will I spare yet againe to say, that there is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet: but so much does it tend to poverty, that although I can affectionately remember, when our discipline was up at some good intension of alacritie, practise, & emulation; yet this stock of happines after a tedious dwindling, is now directly dying; our musters are become dull and heavy, our officers in their edge much rebated, the musketeer disproportionably and deeper charg'd than the pike, in fine, whereas the souldier in close of all (and as the crowne of his perseverance) has formerly been to receive his paiment; this metlesome tie being deducted, he likewise does his worke accordingly, often flinking home without either conge, discipline, or scruple at it the reason, because he has but his labour for his paines.

*Epim.* Concerning the discipline, which you seeme to presse so much, some will reckon it for more indifferent; nor so punctually to be stood upon: that we have convenient furniture wherewithall to answer all alarums, is granted necessary; and if an annuall account thereof be taken, we cannot at an inch of time, be navigating many leagues of place, to be fitted both too late, and at excessive values: Mary for this matter of exercise, what need so much festination? it enters now improperly, and before the right cue.

*Insert.*



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*Infant.* Indeed, were invasion as plaine a dealer, as heretofore in the golden age, nor intended without a harbinger giving defiance, and sufficient warning; there might be more color for this intimation: but since our moderne *Mars* knowes so cunningly to palliat himselfe, and his designs; wee must way-lay, and deterre him with as much as we can of the foregame; all our other equipage (as has formerly bin insinuated) is but a masse of lumber, onely to bee vindicated by men and discipline: and notwithstanding such a body, if we stave (a) off this scule, it induces an undervaluing, which will the sooner instigate hostility; when, if these two may throughly be consolidate, the piece becomes of more opinion, is now difficult and formidable; nor to bee contested, but upon importunate reasons, and with uncertaine expectation.

(a) It was *Mendoxas* argument to whet on invasion in 88. *Hollinshead* 1374.

*Epim.* But say then, will not yet your exercise detract too forceably from our other occasions? the French will conclude (b) a good trade for a rich revenue; the Netherlander proceeding yet further, wil have it (c) an Earldome; but content the Hans, 'twill be a very poore one; if daily check'd so much and interrupted.

(b) *Quiscai* mestier, il est rente.  
(c) The dutch proverbe is *ambacht*. *schapp, groef*. *schapp*.

*Public.* Tush Sir, neither let *Sellularius* object his shop, nor *Coridon* be jealous of his plough; since our exercise may so respectively be conveyed, as to trench materially upon neither: for better clearing wherof, it ensues necessarily, that after the *quare* of our discipline already touch'd upon; we likewise consider the *quando*, the cir-

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cunstance of time in which it may bee doing with least noise and exception; as also the capacity, *quantum*, and extent of the same; then the *quomodo*, the meanes and parties most available to reare and perfect it; and lastly the *quid*, namely the milice it selfe. For the *quando* therefore, 'tis bipartite, of a double nature and situation; the first *interim* running distractedly over all our former, into such a deale of void and idle roome, as may necessarily seeme to challenge some further employment: The second though of a fix individuall residence, is yet inferiorly taken up also like the former, but a bag of counters in stead of coine, to proceed in which without any interruption, who strictly shall peruse the yeare, will find that nature when freely ministring her horne of store, and now beginning to grow big, with the fork, the sith, and other furniture of *Ceres*; imparts such a kind of relaxation, that then we verifie the preachers time of gathering stones mending thus two gaps with the same bush, and by cleansing our tilt, repaying our high-wayes; now in this time of dust and double daies, may we likewise generally sum up and regulate our matter of armes; which if done in dirt (all accounts being taken) will defalke a noble, where we should gaine an angell; the musters, and even our discipline entire, may be fully repeated (I say) in this season, without any great clashing upon other businesse.

*Public.* Yet when weighing well such a throng of difficulties, as the view and laying of armes and persons



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persons, with their manifold disputes annexed : likewise a punctuall instillation, first, of the severall postures, then of all other knowledge appertinent ; 'tis me thinkes a world of worke, nor to be contracted into such a little necke of time, as betweene Easter terme, and that of Hillary ; the thing which so confidently you seeme to aime at.

*Infort.* Take me but with you Sir, and then our souldier must not here at the maine of our musters, be taken for an *Abecedarius* ; meerly of the lowest forme ; but one before and thoroughly instructed, the primarie roots and rudiments being to be perfited upon the bye, and in the first *interim*, so lately specified ; namely, upon our holy, I had almost said hollow daies, their number from Shrove-Munday to *Michaelmasse* (these two inclusively taken) amounts to seventeen, and being thus imploy'd, will magnifie the whole yeere with strength and reputation. Vpon these wee may descend into particular postures, and even the smallest quilllets ; ascending againe as articulately to the severall motions and waies of skirmishing : insomuch, that presupposing an awefull hand upon all defects, both of trimme and person, with the reducement of our ponderous companies into maniples ; and then the souldier in our holy-daies *interim* thus instructed, (all which will prevent both losse of time, and circuit of action) we shall finde also that the *quantum* and extent of our *Whiteson-vacation* thus objected at, it is yet of sufficient capacitie, and the cloth becomes large enough for the coate. Then  
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for the *quomodo*; the meanes and parties fittest to manage this affaire, and drive the naile home: if the Commissary, Muster-master, or what you please to call him, having a double or treble province, may, perhaps, suffer under it; not being in his single person, susceptible of such a manifold imployment; yet presupposing severall centuries (both in respect of skirmish and dispatch) daily convented to the same *rendezvous*, why may not the cure be wrought by deputie? and since wee have in every County some such pensioners, as receiving good exhibition, may be challeng'd of proportionable service: since, I say, we finde of these, so many, either not maimed, or not soldiers, or, perhaps, neither; such as feare no poudage, breaking over into every pasture, and to the very teeth of the statute, thus defrauding it; why should we not rather bring these to the test, and letting all baser mettle flie, introduce that of legall and preheminent allay, furnishing all our pensions impartially, and then 10<sup>l</sup>. *per annum* (which some attaine to) will engage and fasten such, as being quadrate with the statute, may likewise be so serviceable to the Country, that here a wedge may be provided for many a knot; here the Muster-master be fitted with inferiour Officers for our holy-daies exercise; here surrogate Lieutenants, expediting the view of armes, his owne eye being interimly within distance: here upon any imprests, wee may likewise have conductors, well and ready rigg'd for transportation; finally, if at any time we be forrenly attempted, these



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these also, as martiall graduates, nor subject to the panick feares of *Tom Tyro*, will execute with confidence, imboldning us to put home the speculations we continually are train'd in. Neither must wee take a maim in the severe literall sense; and for a downeright, an entire disabling; the Law intends it farre otherwise: insomuch, that a bone taken out of the head, nay, the crooking of a finger, or breaking the fore-teeth, is of this prejudiciall construction; yet who knowes not, but a souldier may performe effectually, notwithstanding these, nay, many rigider disasters: the provision therefore of such knowing *Oblats* (a) (a) These were such maimed souldiers, as Monks pla-  
ken strictly assigned for their maintenance.

will manifoldly bestead us; particularly upon any surcharge, relieve the Master-master both with facility and expedition. After which survey of requisite circumstances, we now come at length to the *quid*, the *milice* it selfe; for this is likewise full of scarres and blemishes: and among sundry smatterers at armes, *Ignoramus* either knowes not what to doe, or having scambled up some floting superficiall pieces, yet does he begin preposterously at the wrong end, blundering roughly into the maine of his disciplining, without any introduction of rudiments. *Semi-scitius* is again affectedly taken with his own *conundrums* and *Pyrrhicke* dances, which forlooth, he will blanch off with the name of faire overshooting; but in reply, wherefore hits he not the But? Why should the reall members be neglected, to be tricking up such an excrecence, as upon employment, will like a sixth finger, become either unnecessary

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necessary, or, perhaps, troublesome; to speake directly, why doe we not rather impugne these, by provision of some orderly particulars? And as our Schollers will determine *viam regiam & militarem*, for the same *individuum*; might it please authority to manifest it, by prescribing the Netherlands *militia* precisely upon our observation we should both fully be directed in al convenient scruples and punctualities: and what at first was but violent, artificiall, and impos'd; with a continuall inculcation of the same important pieces, would at length become habituall, and a very through-passe, even another nature. And now, as a corollarie to the generall; since the same party, taking him according to this modell, and the constitution of our country, is of such a serious, such a manifold employment; sometime assistant to the Captaine in his holy-daies exercise, commanding in chiefe himselfe; sometime descending like a Sergeant to minister the particular postures; in the view of armes and bodies, becomming a Muster-master; and the generall charge of discipline and ammunition, a Sergeant-major in contemplation: I say, of all these severall and important faculties to be demanded of the same person, and how much a competent number of reall souldiers may bestead us upon invasion; let mee here implead all such, as either by hooke the mony-bagg, or some crooked adulation intrude upon our military places: for so familiarly are the keyes even of our frontire, by this leger-demaine imbezeled, that one of them has lately beene at a Lawyers girdle



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girdle, and without incurring any *quare impedit*, after whom *Mars* was yet againe prevented. *Vortumnus* (a) practising with such artifice, that his minister the Merchant, had quickly finger'd it, and his linstocke was (no doubt) of as dreadfull a *feri facias*, as pertinent a *randome* as his predecessors. I must still proceed in detecting many more of these castle-creeper, of sufficient inexperience to deliver up the coaste; but the center of our *Britaine* is likewise so strangely culpable, that I leave the circumference: our Vpland preferments are, I say, as familiarly purloyn'd as the former, the heart it selfe being often served with thumbs, instead of fingers; with such as breaking over all bounders, all distinctions, will blunder into any fortune, at any rate; and where *Philagathus* does first examine whether he be in *villicatione sua*, and then seeke to manage it both to the satisfaction of his country and his conscience; if this immilitary Captaine can but with his facillity, and implicate obedience, fasten a partic, and then strike the revenue, *abunde satisfecit officio suo*. Here therefore must I likewise appeale all these defeisors, roundly soliciting (as we will be true to the good of *Britaine*) that by stripping off their usurpation, and reducing (a) *Antiphon* to his plea, and *Ardeio* to his shop; the martiallist may no longer droope and dwindle out, but againe be comforted in the warmth, the strength, the pitch of his appropriate feathers.

*Epimeth*. How our great clarkes and politicks may be led, I know not, but with any plaine capacity,

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*Ammianus*  
*Marcellinus*  
lib. 30. cap.

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city, your reasons should me-thinkes be prevalent, and hold enough water.

*Public.* Even so much, *Epimethew*, that I dare undersigne their approbation. This officer (according to the former draught) is indeed to quicken many severall wheels, inferring both knowledge, labor, and expence; which should likewise presuppose al incouragement, al his rights inviolable, setting him off with some requisite luster: nay, to raise the point a note higher, our cavallary (a most important piece) is imposed also upon his care and industrie; concerning which, if *Infartunio*, you still proceed, discussing also the particulars, it will more affectionately confirme us yours, still endear you farther, into the publike acceptance.

*Infor.* After this of our infantry, 'tis most true, that I should now come to the brandling wings; for though those elevated hands of *Moses* and *Elijah*, are indeed the principall horse-men, and chariots of *Israel*; yet the great Lord of hosts has also chosen so to worke by meanes and rules, imposed upon our practice, that a remarkable cavallary may well be counted the doore of hope: which inferres the reformation of our owne in many severall particulars; but see, the Sunne is now ascended his meridian, and I must dismisse these till some other time.

*Epim.* Nor improperly; since, me-thinks this piercing aire, does eagerly solicit, what the Butler also now determines of; and hearke, hearke; his empty vessells soundes it dinner time.

*Public.* A motive so considerable, that your  
*French-man*



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*French-man* will as metonymically professe his food his *vivers*; as our *English* will his land his living; howsoever, could the losse, even of the daintiest meale, give continuance to our discourse; I should esteeme it a rich purchase, and at a cheape rate.

*Infant*. Good Sir pardon mee, while I was mine owne, I was also yours; but for this afternoone I have past my self to some other friends.

*Public*. Come then, *allons*, our horse at the next meeting: I, I, your promise must be paid souldier.

*Infant*. Very willingly, Sir; for though among these, there likewise are manifold eye-fores to be specified; so that with the Prophet, I must still become a man of contentions; (a) yet for the truths sake will I not bold my peace: and indeed me-thinks the men might endure a naked examination, as well as their furniture; a prescription also of articulat postures would put their practice out to further profit. Then does the disuse of rings and drums prejudice our troupes, for hagar and unready; but especially since incussion is in our fire-ginns chiefly materiall, I must urge against our pistoll bore, as eyther defective in height, or else in warrant; for if preferring that moderne rate of 36 bullets per pound, we run the hazard of authority; if that of 52 (more obsolete) this againe will banish gravity; both in their severall respects are dangerous, and whether we may better transgresse with custome, or with reason, is now become the *quere*. Nay, might our horse-musters be transplanted to the beginning of the yeere, and injoin'd about Easter; they would have more of the Sunne and faire weather,

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ther, wherewithall to hatch our exercise, to guard and guild our furniture; then would there be more time for examination, and perfitting of our repairs; then is the stone-horse in his chiefeft pride; the gelding in his toughest ability, neither being so foggily distemper'd, as to deflect the training, for feare of being mar'd, by being made; and then should wee be prepared *a parte ante*, for whatloever the yeere might bring forth; when by deferring the service longer, an earely riser may be before hand, and our poverty come suddenly upon us like one that travelleth, our want as powerfully as an armed man (α).

) Prov.

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*Epimeth.* Yet concerning this translation of our musters, mee-thinkes wee should not be so variable: and did the time permit, there might very good cards be urg'd against it; these new projects are so dangerous.

*Public.* Tush *Epimethem*, make not such an idoll of antiquity; if the Fathers have eaten sower grapes, yet why should the childrens teeth be set on edge? Desist, I say, and let his conclusion be rather applyed to your owne particular, hereafter spurring you up into more foresight & providence.

*Epimeth.* In good time Sir, this is a parting blow indeed.

*Public.* Applying it rightly, you shall finde it such a balme, as will not breake your head. Farewell *Epimethem*, to you also, *Infortunio*.

*Infort.* Adew noble Sir; to you likewise *Epime-*





